



**PATENT  
2986-0125P**

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kouichi SASHIHARA  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**April 19, 2004**

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

an Amended Claim Set and Remarks.